

THE ADMINISTRATION'S INCONSISTENCY.

WHAT "THE OBSERVER" THINKS ABOUT IT.

Admiral Dewey, who has just returned from the Philippines, and who had good opportunities while there to form an opinion of the character and ability of the Filipinos, states that they are better able than the Cubans to govern themselves, and that they are superior to the Cubans in all respects. It is to the Cubans in all respects. It is to the Cubans in all respects. It is to the Cubans in all respects.

We began a war in April, 1898, for the sake of justice. We have gradually changed base until we have made this war of justice a war of oppression. We went into the fray to put an end to Spanish tyranny at our portals in Cuba. We drove the Spaniards from that island, which has a history that is written in the blood of her heroes, who have given up their lives in a struggle to free themselves from the medieval persecution that Spain had goaded them with for ages. Now that we have freed them of Spain, why do we press ourselves upon them? This in itself is bad—but when it is considered that we are at this moment practicing the very same tactics in the Philippines that Spain practiced in Cuba, it makes one almost weep at our inconsistency and it puts us—the nation of liberty—before the eyes of other nations as a land of fickle friends and unprincipled knaves—"American Pigs," as the Spaniards called us.

This nation, that in 1776 declared itself to be free, that by force of arms threw off the yoke of Great Britain, that even now holds up before the world as immortal heroes those patriots who, ill equipped, half clothed and fed, fought persistently and fiercely for freedom from oppression, that glories in the signal success it achieved, is now waging an unholy war on a people who have fought for generations against worse oppression than this nation ever experienced. What right have we to war with these people. What have they to do with Spanish tyranny in Cuba?

The Administration cabled to Commodore Dewey to proceed from Hong Kong to Manila bay, and capture and destroy the Spanish fleet there, and then to proceed at once to Honolulu. When Commodore Dewey cabled to the Washington Administration that he had destroyed the Spanish fleet at Manila, the Administration cabled him to take and hold Manila at all hazards, which orders, with the assistance of OUR ALLIES, the Philippines, were successfully executed, and the Spaniards driven out. One of the wisest things that Commodore Dewey ever did was to cut the cable connection with an Administration which could change its mind so quickly and radically. Without the aid of the Philippine land forces Commodore Dewey would have had a very difficult task to perform when he attempted to drive the Spaniards from Manila and vicinity, but when these natives, who regarded us as a nation that had come to drive the Spaniards from their country and establish their independence, joined their forces with ours, the Spanish sovereignty over the island quickly ceased. Very good, indeed, but the gentlemen who are at the helm of state had to do more, and they went to work and bought from Spain at \$2 a head the very same natives, who had aided us in abolishing Spanish authority and sovereignty in Luzon.

What right had any man or power to buy from vanquished Spain a nation that she no longer owned, by right, that had been wrested from her by force of arms before the American fleet ever made its gallant dash past the frowning Spanish guns on Corregidor Island. Abraham Lincoln, a man whom the American people honored with the greatest gift in their power, detested tyranny and oppression. This man said in one of his addresses: "Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which God-given freedom is the heritage of ALL men in ALL LANDS EVERYWHERE. Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God cannot long retain it."

Did Abraham Lincoln know what deep prophecy there was in those words? Did he know that the nation which he was then President, which had ever regarded liberty as its greatest bulwark, would in such a short time as half a century, be engaged in a war, the end of which is to deprive a fellow nation of its God-given freedom? Most undoubtedly. NO. Nevertheless it is true, but what is more, will his prophecy prove true. We deny freedom to others—we will retain it ourselves? Already we are feeling the effects of this main administration. Trusts are formed. Prices are increased or decreased at the will of corporations. What will follow? Are the masses going to allow themselves to be continually goaded? We—a nation that a hundred years ago led the world in most substantial and glorious reforms, that regarded all men as equal, are now winking out a mighty influence among men and nations in the direction of most alarming perils.

Let us be mindful less the wrath of a just God overtake us. Let us organize and strike the blow that will destroy this state of affairs. Let our weapon be that of the people—the ballot. Let us make this present Administration of greed, injustice and roguery personified, step down and out. Let us start a new regime of justice and liberty in 1900.

"THE OBSERVER."

November 1899. We regret that the "North American Review" and "Outing" did not reach us in time to be mentioned in our regular monthly book review which we published in last Sunday's paper. As it is, however, we take pleasure in giving below the tables of contents of the two magazines. The reader will easily see that the books differ widely in character, one being devoted almost entirely to papers on the current affairs of the world by eminent people and the other to all pastimes which tend to encourage a love of sports, for the sake of sport contributed by people well versed in that upon which they write. Each is the representative book of its class.

The North American Review contains, among others, the following deeply interesting paper: "International Arbitration," a Russian view by E. de Martens, who was a delegate from Russia to The Hague conference; "France, or the Parting of the Ways," by Bernard Lazare; "The Open Door Policy in the Philippines," by Frank D. Pacey; "The Civil Service Reform in Peril," by Prof. Joseph F. Johnson, University of Pennsylvania, and "How the Ritualists Harm the Church," by the Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Halliday. Published monthly at No. 11 Warren street, New York. 50c. per copy, \$5. per year.

"Outing" has for its chief articles: "Walter Camp's Football Forecast of the Season," "Golfers Open Championships," by Charles Turner, and "A Race Round the Horn," by the author of "The Windjammers," and in addition the following interesting stories: "The Buck of Cordwood Hill," "Smoking Out a Grizzly," "A Glimpse at Chinese Cities," "Cycling Over an Old Virginia Pike" and a very interesting review of sports and pastimes. Price, 25 cents a copy. Published at 259 Fifth avenue, New York City.

For the Hospitals. Mr. Marcus Marx proposes to give a matinee graphophone concert some day during the coming week. The entertainment will be a benefit performance for the building funds of St. Vincent's Hospital and the Norfolk Protestant Hospital. The dates will be announced later.

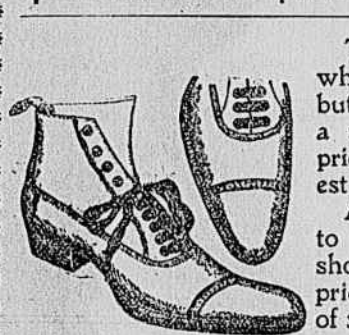
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(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
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The President Will Vote.
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
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